



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE  
DRIVER/OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

## Practical Application Guide Sheet

### Winching - UTV

**Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Performance Competency:** The driver candidate shall display proficiency in winching out the UTV in a mud/snow simulation. A single line pull will be used to pull the UTV approximately 20 feet. These skills must be completed in appropriate PPE (eye protection and leather gloves).

Task	Value	Score
<b>Winching ATV</b>		
1. Stop ATV, place in neutral, and apply parking brake.	2	
2. State rated capacity of winch (4000Lbs), weight of ATV, estimate capacity of anchor, and if ATV can be safely winched.	3	
3. Explain reasons for utilizing maximum length of cable and precautions when doing so.	2	
4. Using the winch manufacturer's recommended procedure (free wheel vs. power), deploy the winch cable to the anchor.	1	
5. Lay out the winch cable for single line pull.	1	
6. Simultaneously scout out the winching path for ground clearance hazards and worsening terrain.	1	
7. If winch cable was powered out, remove hands from controller or unplug remote.	1	
8. Attach a tow chain or tow strap to the anchor.	1	
9. Attach the winch cable hook to the load anchor chain/strap.	1	
10. Explain the need for a spotter and define the area that will be a "no people zone". (Never behind or in front of the vehicle).	1	
11. Plug in the winch remote control or use dash switch to remove slack from the cable.	1	
12. Place a coat, strap or other appropriate object over the center point of the winch cable.	1	
13. Release the parking brake, place the ATV in drive and operate the winch remote control to pull the ATV approximately 20 feet.	2	
14. Stop the winch, place the ATV in neutral, and apply the brake.	2	
15. Power out the cable to create slack in the cable.	1	
16. Explain how a change of direction would be used if needed.	1	

17. Disconnect the winch cable from the load and wind the cable uniformly onto the winch drum.	1	
<b>Total Points</b>	23	

## **Critical Fail Points**

*Failure to successfully perform any of the following components will result in an automatic failure of this evolution regardless of total score.*

- a) Failure to use proper PPE**
- b) Failure to place object on cable before winching load.**
- c) Failure to choose appropriate anchor.**
- d) Failure to define and enforce a “no people Zone”.**

**Evaluator: Initial beside the final outcome of the exam below.**

\_\_\_\_ **PASS**    \_\_\_\_ **FAIL – Overall Points**    \_\_\_\_ **FAIL – Critical Failure Point**

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**Evaluator Name**

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**Date**

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**Evaluator Signature**